Traffic Stop Leads to Virginia Men Arrested for Drug Charges- Newark

Newark— Delaware State Police have arrested 37 year-old Lenoard T. Brooks of Cape Charles, VA and 29 year-old Jaron Nottingham of Cape Charles, VA for drug charges following a traffic stop.

On 8/19/2020 at approximately 3:43 p.m. a Trooper on patrol in the area of southbound State Route 1 and State Route 273, Newark, observed a gray Chevrolet Equinox following a vehicle too closely and make a lane change without signaling 300′ prior to changing lanes. A traffic stop was made on the vehicle and contact was made with the driver who was later identified as Brooks and passenger who was later identified as Nottingham. Upon contacting the vehicle, the trooper smelled an odor of marijuana coming from inside the vehicle.

Located inside the Equinox was approximately 1.5 grams of marijuana, approximately 1,049 grams of cocaine that was packaged separately in clear bags and approximately \$6,000 in suspected drug proceeds.



Lenoard T. Brooks

Brooks was taken into custody without incident and transported to Troop 6 where he was charged with the following crimes:

- Possession with Intent to Deliver a Controlled Substance (felony)
- Possession of a Controlled Substance (felony)
- Conspiracy Second Degree (felony)
- Possession Of Marijuana (civil violation)

- Following A Motor Vehicle Too Closely
- Failure to Signal

Brooks was arraigned in Justice of the Peace Court #2 and committed to Howard R. Young Correctional Institution on \$51,003.00 cash bond.



Jaron Nottingham

Nottingham was taken into custody without incident and transported to Troop 6 where he was charged with the following crimes:

- Possession with Intent to Deliver a Controlled Substance (felony)
- Possession of a Controlled Substance (felony)
- Conspiracy Second Degree (felony)
- Possession of Marijuana (civil violation)

Nottingham was arraigned in Justice of the Peace Court #2 and committed to Howard R. Young Correctional Institution on \$51,001.00 cash bond.

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